

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 221

In Memory
of
Walter H. Freeman

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Beaumont in mourning the loss of Walter H. Freeman, who died January 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Walter Freeman was born in Beaumont on May 17, 1923, to Mary Robinson and Nathaniel H. Freeman; he graduated from South Park High School and The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, A military pilot during World War II, he saw active duty in the Pacific campaign, completing 106 missions for the 475 Fighter Group and 432nd Squadron, Satan's Angels; he received numerous decorations for his service to his country, including the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and six Bronze Service Stars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman was employed with John Dollinger Steel, Incorporated, for 37 years; he retired in 1986 as vice president of Production for the company; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen, Mr. Freeman was a past president of the Beaumont Jaycees and was active in the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce and the West End Little League; a devout Christian, he was a member of Calder Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Walter gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Walter was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Walter H. Freeman: his wife of 50 years, Helen Hatchell Freeman; his son, David Bernsen, and his wife, Dinah; his son, John Freeman, and his wife, Karen; his daughter, Mary Freeman Kennedy, and her husband, Scott; his daughter, Cyndi Freeman Boren, and her husband, Charles; his brother, William Newnum, and his wife, Evelyn; and his 11 grandchildren; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Walter H. Freeman.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 24, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate